

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition comprising:  
a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or a food or drink, and  
at least 5% of at least one isolated yeast belonging to *Kluyveromyces marxianus* or  
*Kluyveromyces lactis*,  
wherein said composition contains an amount of said at least one yeast sufficient to  
reduce cholesterol when administered to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 1 which contains an  
amount of isolated *Kluyveromyces marxianus* sufficient to reduce cholesterol when  
administered to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 1, which is a food or  
drink.

Claims 4-19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 1, which is a food or  
drink comprising *Kluyveromyces marxianus* and *Kluyveromyces lactis*.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 1, wherein said  
composition is a food or drink comprising an amount of *Kluyveromyces marxianus* or  
*Kluyveromyces lactis* sufficient to reduce cholesterol in a subject ingesting said food or drink.

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